

The Paducah Sun.

THE WEATHER.
Fair to partly cloudy tonight
and Sunday with rising temper-
ature.

In Paducah and McCracken
County, more people read The
Sun than any other paper.

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WEST INDIAN TOWN WAS DESTROYED

By An Earthquake, It Is Re-
ported.

Fully 3,000 People May Have Per-
ished—Threat to Kill the Sul-
tan of Turkey.

TROOPS ARE TO SPARE NO ONE.

New York, Feb. 3.—It is reported
that Buena Ventura, West Indies, a
city of three thousand inhabitants,
was destroyed by an earthquake. Ca-
ble communication is cut off and it is
impossible to get information.

Want to Kill the Sultan.
Constantinople, Feb. 3.—The sul-
tan today received a telegram from
members of the young Turkish party
at Paris, reading: "We have ar-
ranged all. You will soon be assassi-
nated by one of your supposed devoted
servants."

The telegram caused the greatest
excitement at the palace, and the
sultan summoned a conference of the
highest police officials and ordered a
strict investigation made of doings
of all the palace functionaries.

Must Not Show Mercy.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—General
Krugeroff, commander of troops at
Comel, has issued orders to soldiers
not to act with mercy in suppression
of disorders there, as they will be re-
lieved Feb. 25, or thereafter, of all
responsibility.

ALLEGED ROBBERS CLAIM THEY LIVE IN PADUCAH

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 3.—Her-
man Find and Hardy Bohmer
are under arrest on a charge of
holding up saloon keepers and
Marie Moore, of Newport, Ky.,
at whose house the men board-
ed, says that the young man told
her that the elder was his father
and that their home is in Paducah,
Ky. He said the mother
sent him here to keep his father
from drinking and he got drunk
with his father.

THE REES LEE

May Be Saved, But It Is Very
Doubtful.

The Rees Lee, the Lee line steamer
which was snagged and sunk at Tip-
penville two weeks ago, is still in the
same condition as when she first
went down. The company has se-
cured the vessel to the bank, so that
it can not change position. The
stage of the river, however, has been
very unfortunate, as about 20 feet
of water has risen on the boat since
it sank. The river is now falling at
that point, and if it goes down soon
the work of raising the boat will be
commenced.

\$100,000 FIRE TODAY AT RICHMOND, KY.

Richmond, Ky., Feb. 3.—Fire
today threatened the town and
was not under control until af-
ter the arrival of the Winchester
fire department. Old Hall's store,
recruiting office, three doctors'
offices, insurance offices and mil-
linery establishment were burn-
ed. Two bank buildings were
damaged and the loss is estimat-
ed at \$100,000.

Bill Introduced in Congress Which May Abolish the Customs Office in Paducah

Talk has been revived of abolish-
ing the office of collector of customs
in Paducah, and a bill has been in-
troduced in congress which may have
this effect.

Yesterday's Louisville Post says:
"There is considerable speculation
in certain circles as to the effect of
the bill, if passed, which was recent-
ly introduced in congress relative to
the reorganization of the customs
departments all over the country. So
far as Kentucky is concerned, it ap-
pears that the Paducah office, un-
der J. R. Puryear, collector, may be
affected if the bill should go through."

LIFE-TERM MEN

Escape From Waiting Room Al-
though Shackled Together.

Dwight, Ill., Feb. 3.—Two prison-
ers being taken to Joliet to serve life
sentences for attacking a young wo-
man of Bushnell, Iowa, escaped from
a Chicago and Alton train while it
had stopped at this station early this
morning. Although shackled to-
gether they made their escape
through a waiting room.

NOOSE FROM SHEETS.

Robber Gets Ahead of the Law at
Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—Rocco Bell,
captured a week ago while robbing a
saloon, committed suicide in the
county jail last night. He was found
hanging this morning from a noose
made from sheets from his cot.

AN IMPORTANT TAX OPINION FILED

Sheriff Enjoined From Levying
on Ayer-Lord Property.

The Home Port Is Now Evansville,
Ind., Where All Marine Taxes
Are Paid.

BACK TAX IS STILL PENDING

Circuit Judge William Reed yes-
terday afternoon late filed his writ-
ten opinion in the case of the Ayer &
Lord Tle company against L. D. Pot-
ter, sheriff of McCracken county,
granting a perpetual injunction
against the defendant from levying
and collecting taxes amounting to
\$30,400 on marine property belong-
ing to the plaintiff. The taxes were
levied for the year 1905, and were
levied against the Ayer & Lord Tle
company when the property belongs
really to the Ayer & Lord Barge com-
pany, of Evansville, Ind., and all
taxes for last year were paid at the
home port in Evansville by the barge
company.

The judgment is one victory for
the tie company which has been in
litigation with the county for sev-
eral years on its taxes. Several
years ago the sheriff levied on the
company's marine property. At
this time the boats and marine prop-
erty were assessed at Chicago, al-
though the home port was named as
Paducah. The case is now in the
supreme court for a decision on back
taxes amounting to about \$121,600,
all of which has been paid, however,
in Chicago. Two years ago the
barge company was organized and
the home port changed to Evansville,
where all boats, barges and river
property was listed and from the
time this action was taken the prop-
erty has been taxed and paid for in
Indiana.

The tax for 1905 was shown to
have been paid in Evansville and the
judge here decided that the sheriff
could not legally tax the boats inas-
much as the home port was the Ev-
ansville and not Paducah, no matter
if the taxes were not yet paid in In-
diana. The perpetual injunction is
supposed to hold good for this year
and in the future as long as the con-
ditions are as they are now. The
boats all run into Paducah and most
of the business is done here.

The attorneys for the tie company
expect to win in the higher court in
the suit brought for back taxes for
four years back. The receipts, etc.,
are on record to show the tax has
been paid and the question to de-
cide is whether the technicality ex-
isting in the fact that the taxes were
paid in Chicago when Paducah was
the home port, is strong enough to
compel paying a dual tax.

THREE MILLION IS TO BE EXPENDED

For New Toll Lines Between
Louisville and Memphis.

Cumberland Company Holds Annual
Meeting—The Home Tele-
phone's Progress.

IN OPERATING LINES ABOVE.

A great deal of the three million
dollars to be spent by the Cumber-
land Telephone company will be
spent in this section. Manager A. L.
Joyne has received information that
the company is to improve its long
distance, or toll-lines, at once, by
the addition of four new wires to
Louisville, and two pair of new No. 8
copper wire to Memphis, three of
the new wires to be No. 19 copper.

The annual meetings of the com-
pany were completed yesterday at
Nashville. Two have to be held, one
in Kentucky and one in Tennessee.
The Nashville Banner says of it:

Up to the present time Mr. James
E. Caldwell has occupied the dual
position of president and general
manager of the company while Mr.
Leland Hume has been Assistant
General Manager and Secretary. The
rapid growth of the company's busi-
ness has made it necessary to elect
several additional officers and there-
by divide the exacting duties of the
various departments. The following
officials were elected:

President, Mr. James E. Caldwell;
vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Ber-
ry and Wm. Litterer; general man-
ager, Mr. Leland Hume; treasurer,
Mr. T. D. Webb; assistant treasurer,
Mr. George R. Knox, Jr.; secretary,
Mr. John W. Hunter, Jr.; auditor,
Mr. H. Blair Smith. All of the for-
mer officers of the company were re-
elected, but the division of the du-
ties deemed necessary resulted in
some changes in the official title of
some of the officers as above and the
election of some additional officials.

The largest item of cost in carry-
ing out the extension and improve-
ment plans of the company will be
the construction of several heavy
copper long-distance lines. The long-
est of these will be from Louisville
to New Orleans. The contract re-
cently entered into between the Cum-
berland company and the Illinois
Central Railroad will call for a con-
siderable expenditure between two
cities named, but, in addition to this,
additional long-distance lines are pro-
posed for regular commercial use
between these points.

Additional long-distance lines are
also proposed from Nashville to Lou-
isville in order to take care of the
increased business throughout the
territory between these two impor-
tant points. Then, too, the company
will do a large amount of work in
the states of Mississippi and Louisi-
ana. This section of the south, Ten-
nessee and Kentucky, is the original
territory occupied by the Cumberland
company.

Much of the material to be used in
the improvements is already arriving
in Paducah, and this will be the head
quarters for the linemen during a
great deal of their time.

In regard to the \$30,000 factory
the Cumberland is to build to manu-
facture its own material, it is not be-
lieved that any other city can get it
away from Nashville, as that place is
the headquarters, and has always
been friendly to the Cumberland, ad-
hering to the idea that more than one
telephone system is bad for the peo-
ple of a place, and keeping out all
other lines. Louisville is making a
hard pull to get the factory, but will
probably lose.

Work Done in Marion.

For several weeks the rebuilding
of the local system of the Paducah
Home Telephone company has gone
on here, says the Marion Record.
The reconstruction work has been
steadily executed under the plans as
outlined by us a few weeks ago.

All the local telephones have been
cut in, and with the coming of the
end of the present week, all the pa-
trons of the system here will be en-
joying the new metallic service. The
cost of the reconstruction work done
here will amount to several thou-
sand dollars and has been first class
in every detail. Besides the rebuild-
ing of the local system, stretching
new wires, etc., the main line to Pa-
ducah has been rebuilt and no effort
is being spared anywhere to give the
people here the best service com-
patible with the field and that the
Home company's money can buy. On

the local switchboard there are now
about 370 drops and new ones yet to
be added. It will take the construc-
tion crew something like two months
to finish the work here and most of
this time is to be spent in building
new routes and putting in new tele-
phones. The Paducah Home com-
pany is also constructing an up-to-date
system at Salem, and besides the lo-
cal subscribers having free use of the
Salem system, they may also have
free use of the Pressnell exchange at
Smithland, the Hutchinson exchange at
Carrsville, Worten exchange at
Hampton, Lay exchange at Birds-
ville, and the Tolu Company ex-
change at Tolu, including free service
to Kuttawa, Eddyville, Kelsey, Dy-
cussburg and several other local
points. The parties named have re-
cently constructed good local sys-
tems at their respective towns. Man-
ager W. B. Butler, of the local ex-
change, is now making up the local
directory, correcting old numbers
and adding new names.

When all the reconstruction work
in this immediate vicinity is compl-
eted the local exchange will be accord-
ing to size, one of the most impor-
tant and best paying in Western Ken-
tucky.

SENATOR CARMACK

MAKES ABLE ARGUMENTS FOR
RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Wants Appropriations For the Cum-
berland and Tennessee Rivers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—While
the river and harbor engineers were
hearing the claims of the Cumber-
land river in Nashville yesterday,
Senator Carmack was presenting to
the senate a masterful argument for
river and harbor improvement, with
special reference to the Tennessee
and Cumberland rivers.

Senator Carmack urged the impor-
tance of enforcing economy on other
expenditures of the government
rather than in improving rivers and
harbors. He said congress should
call a halt on the naval expenditures
which have grown so great, as admit-
ted by Theodore Burton, chairman
of the river and harbor committee,
that it has been necessary to curtail
the appropriations for improving na-
vigable waters of the country.

Senator Carmack treated the Cum-
berland and Tennessee as one sys-
tem of navigable rivers and present-
ed extracts from the report of the
special committee composed of Sen-
ators Carmack, Morgan and Overman,
showing the commercial and indus-
trial advantages to be derived from
improving those waterways. He urged
that those interested in river im-
provement cease the cut-throat war
among themselves to get small slices
of scanty appropriations and all work
together to procure an adequate ap-
propriation for all.

WILL SOLICIT

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PROPOSED
METHODIST COLLEGE.

The Committee Met at Commercial
Club Headquarters to Discuss
the Project.

The Commercial club college com-
mittee held a meeting at the club
headquarters this morning to receive
reports from Secretary Coons of the
club, and Mr. H. C. Rhodes, chairman
of the committee, and discussed the
matter informally. The committee
will probably begin an active solici-
tating campaign in a few days, and
hopes to raise a good sum to offer as
inducement for the location of the
college here.

"Paducah must have the college,"
said Charles K. Wheeler, of the com-
mittee today, "and we expect every
Paducahan to his duty towards as-
sisting us to land it. I can conceive
of nothing that would be better for
the town."

AMERICAN COUNTESS

And Her French Husband Have Sep-
arated.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Countess Anna De
Castellaine has instituted legal pro-
ceedings for separation from the
count. The countess remains at
their residence in Avenue Bois Bou-
logne in charge of the children, un-
der permission of court. The count
has returned to his home in the
country. The countess was formerly
Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

MRS. J. R. SMITH DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Prominent Christian Woman Ill
Only a Few Days.

Was Widow of the Late Capt. J. R.
Smith—Two Sons Survive
Her.

MR. WES ARNOLD DIED AT NOON

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, widow
of the late Capt. J. R. Smith, died
this morning at 10 o'clock at the
family residence, 426 Washington
street, of pneumonia after an illness
dating from last Tuesday.

Her death came as a great shock
to her family and friends, as the
seriousness of the illness was not ap-
parent until yesterday. She had
planned to go to New Orleans in a
few days to visit her son, Joe Smith,
who is traveling out of that city.

Mrs. Smith's maiden name was
Miss Mary Elizabeth Orr, and she
was born in Pontecompe, La., April
2, 1844. She was married to the
late Capt. J. R. Smith, who was one
of Paducah's most prominent and
wealthy men, in Calhoun county
September 1, 1859, and they moved
to Paducah in 1870.

She was a member of the Presby-
terian church and was an earnest
church worker and a devout chris-
tian. She was very charitable and
did a good deal for the poor of the
city. She lived for her family and
was a devoted mother and wife and
a sincere friend. She leaves two
sons, James P. Smith and Joe Smith.
No arrangements have been made
for the funeral, as the family has not
been able to locate Mr. Joe Smith.
Efforts have been made to find him
several of the southern cities that he
makes on his trips, and it is thought
probable that he may be on his way
home, as he has been expected here
on a visit at any time.

Capt. Smith's death nearly two
years ago was also quite unexpected,
as he had been ill from congestion
and stomach trouble for only a few
days at the time of his demise.

Mr. S. W. Arnold Dead.

Mr. Wes Arnold, age 65, of 1916
Broad street, died at his home
this morning at five minutes of 12
of general debility, after an illness
of three months, the first illness dur-
ing his lifetime, it is said.

The deceased was born and raised
here and for twenty-five years was
collector for the Langstaff-Orme
Manufacturing company. During the
past three years he had engaged in
the real estate business, meeting
with a great deal of success as an in-
dependent dealer.

The deceased was twice married,
his second wife surviving him. Be-
sides her he leaves one son, Con-
ductor James Arnold, of the I. C.,
and several daughters, Misses Allie,
Lizzie and Eva Arnold and Mrs.
Georgia Crouch, the later of Eddy-
ville.

He was a member of the Methodist
church and a well known and popu-
lar resident of Paducah. The fu-
neral will be conducted from the
Broadway M. E. church tomorrow
afternoon, services by Rev. Arm-
strong, interment at Oak Grove.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Wheat—	Open	Close.
May,	84½	85½
July,	82½	84½
Corn—		
May,	44½	44½
July,	44½	44½
Oats—		
May,	30½	30½
Pork—		
May,	14.40	14.67
Cotton—		
Mar.,	10.87	10.92
May,	11.00	11.12
July,	11.11	11.20
Stocks—		
L. & N.,	1.49½	1.50
T. C. I.,	1.62	1.56

Local Market.

Country bacon—12½c.
Smoked sausage—12½c.
Sweet potatoes—50c per bu.
Irish potatoes—80c per bu.
Chickens—35c to 40c.
Eggs—15c.
Butter—20c.
Pork—6c.
Beef—2½c to 6½c.
Corn—50c per bu.
Hay—\$10 to \$12.
Loose hay—\$11 to \$13.
Lard—10c.

DISTILLING COMPANY.

Biederman Company Filed Articles
of Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation of the
Biederman Distilling company were
filed this morning in county court.
The capital stock is fixed at \$5,000,
divided into 50 shares of \$100 each.
The incorporators with the amount
of stock held are as follows: Jake
Biederman, 20 shares; B. J. Presler,
10; J. B. Buchanan, 5, and Henry
Biederman, 5. The nature of the
business is to be the general liquor
business, the distilling and sale of
liquors.

Carnival Association Meets.

The Carnival Association will hold
a meeting Monday to take up carni-
val matters. It will not be long now
until the contract is let for the spring
attractions.

SIXTH CITY WILL NOW BE SELECTED

Mattoon-Charleston Have Sign-
ed Papers.

Danville Is Getting Ready By Elect-
ing Association Officers—New
Club Nicknames.

PADUKE STAYS THE SAME.

Mattoon, Feb. 3, 1906.

Mattoon-Charleston will be rep-
resented in the Kitty Base Ball
league provided they are given a just
and right contract, a fair deal in
the schedule and the league's assis-
tance, the whole to be guaranteed.
These were the terms that Presi-
dent Potter of the Traction company,
asked and was granted by Anglo Mar-
re.

A contract embodying these condi-
tions was drawn up and forwarded to
President Gossnell for his signature.
Mattoon has a population of 15,000
while Charleston has 7,000. They
are 12 miles apart.

The park used will be at Urban
Park on the Interurban line midway
between Mattoon and Charleston
which has been in use two years for
playing independent ball.

What is wanted is a good playing
manager who can put in a good team.
The Jacksonville team will prob-
ably be known as the "Jacks" while
the Danville aggregation will be cal-
led the "Old Soldiers." Mattoon may
be called the "Matts" or "Corn Husk-
ers." Cairo, of course, will stick to
the "Rats," while Paducah cannot
help being called "Squaws, Papoos-
es," "Indians" or "Cigar Signs." Vin-
cennes will still retain the sweet
name of "Alice."

Officers of the Danville, Ill., base-
ball association are as follows:
Manager—C. A. Wortham.
President—Edward Bauer.
Secretary—Austin Ellsworth.
Treasurer—Herman F. Brown.
Mr. Brown is also treasurer of the
K. I. T. league, being elected to that
office at the meeting in St. Louis.

The first letter received by Presi-
dent Gossnell of the Kitty league
since he assumed the office was from
E. Hackett of St. Louis, who wants
to be an umpire in the league.

President Gossnell has not announ-
ced when he will announce the ap-
pointments of umpires but this will
probably be done before the first of
March. Ned Zinkins, the old standby
who is the only person that has been
able to hold a position in the Kitty
for two seasons, will be appointed
without finding it necessary to make
application. Zinkins is now follow-
ing his trade as carpenter during the
day and reading baseball law and
baseball news during the evening.

Former Mayor Lang Thinks Kentucky Has Pretty Good Legislature This Time

Former Mayor James M. Lang has
returned from Frankfort, Ky., where
he has been for several days on busi-
ness.

"The legislature is certainly busy,"
he said today, "and some bills will
have to, of necessity, be left over.
The legislature seems to be doing
unusually good work. Most of the
committees are composed of excel-
lent men and some very good, much-
needed legislation will go on the
books."

"I was in the legislature the day
Former Senator John G. Carlisle

INSURANCE MEN HEAR A KENTUCKIAN

Lieut. Gov. Thorne Entertains
Chicagoans With Anecdote.

Gives Them an Idea of the Way In-
surance Works Here in Ken-
tucky.

HE ONLY WANTS A FAIR LAW

Kentucky has already made her-
self felt in the big insurance con-
gress at Chicago, and will doubtless
now be heard from more than ever,
since Gov. Beckham, of Frankfort,
and Senator J. Wheeler Campbell, of
Paducah, have arrived on the scene.
Yesterday's Chicago Tribune says:
"Lieut. Gov. W. P. Thorne, of
Kentucky, followed up the victory of
the Iowa executive with a discourse
on insurance as viewed in the south.
His hearers were convulsed with
laughter by a series of anecdotes
which he used as weapons to ridicule
the arguments of the representatives
of the insurance companies."

"The session was defined by the
southern delegate as 'one of the pur-
test wildest scraps he ever saw.'"
"Lieut. Gov. Thorne, of Kentucky,
did not give his hearers time to pick
out the shafts thrust into them by
Gov. Cummins before opening fire
himself. Mr. Thorne's method of
argument is similar to that used by
Abraham Lincoln in his famous cam-
paign speeches of ante-bellum days.
The blue grass statesman is a master
of anecdote. In beginning, he took
a slap at 'yellow dog' funds."

"We don't know much about in-
surance down in Kentucky," he said,
"All we know is that we have to pay
the premiums on our policies and
perhaps contribute to the campaign
fund. Lots of us have had life in-
surance policies so long that we can't
afford to let go of them."

"Anxiety Caused By Elections."
"The usual question asked of
policy holders in my state is: 'How
much money did you have left after
the last election?' The policy hold-
ers breathe freely when they hear
that there is not to be another cam-
paign for four years. They feel
sure then that they will get along all
right."

"Everybody in Kentucky who can
afford it has been insured. Those
who are not insured are the ones
whose policies have lapsed. Some-
say a policy is as good as a bank. I
can tell you of one case where it was."
"It was the case of a man who
lay on his bed with the death rattle
in his throat. He died with a broad
grin on his face, because he was in-
sured the same day."

"The legislators in my state have
got some bills that are calculated to
hold you insurance fellows down.
Some of the plans laid aim to make
the companies invest in Kentucky se-
curities and Kentucky real estate."

Asks Fair Insurance Law.

"Let us get a fair insurance law.
One of the insurance men said today
that it is fair to accumulate a sur-
plus on a ten year endowment policy,
because the man who dies in nine
and a half years doesn't get any of
it. Well, is it fair?"

"It seems to me that all these in-
surance experts gathered here have
an opportunity before them to do a
work that will enshrine their mem-
ories in the hearts of the poor old
policy holders. It is an opportunity
to do something for their protection,
something that they will appreciate.
When you climb the golden stairs
the angels will flap their golden
wings over you for doing good at this
convention. Will you do it?"

Two heads are better than one—
if neither one aches.

made his address, and the incident
was interesting to an old line Demo-
crat like myself. When the distin-
guished gentleman finished his ad-
dress there was not a ripple from
the Democratic section of the house,
only a few of our Republican friends
applauding the speech."

When asked if he liked the gov-
ernor's chair and if he did not think
he would like to occupy it, Dr. Lang
would only smile and say that his
friends in both houses would think
he says he's not going to be gov-
ernor.